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But they were unable to say if the contacts had been made or the outcome. If the family objected there would be no known way to force retrieval of the



bullet fragments.

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The question to be resolved is whether a second gun was involved.

Connally was wounded while riding with Kennedy in a motorcade when the president was shot and kil Janet Reno and other department officials, the Connally family was to be contacted for its views.

of the bullet fragments.

The request to retrieve the fragments came in a one-page letter to Reno from a non-profit group called the Assassination Archives and Research Center, which wanted immediate action.

It claimed that tests of the fragments ''may be able to resolve the controversy as to whether President Kennedy was assassinated as the result of



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In Austin, Julian Read, a family spokesman and longtime friend of Connally who served as a pa a1299LBY917 reulb r f BC-MARKETS 06-17 0409 ^BC-MARKETS@



^STOCKS, DOLLAR RISE DESPITE TRADE NEWS@ By David Morgan

NEW YORK, June 17, Reuter - Stocks and the dollar closed higher on Thursday despite the biggest monthly U.S. trade gap in 4 years, while bonds ended little changed in quiet trading.

Gold edged higher, with the August futures contract rising 70 cents to $372.20 an ounce on New York's Commodity Exchange. The most-active July oil contract slipped 14 cents to $18.70 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.24 points to end at 3,521.89. In the broad market, advancing issues nudged out declines 984 to 890 on New York Stock Exchange volume of 230 million shares.

''The market is essentially directionless,'' said Thom Brown, managing director at Rutherford, Brown & Catherwood.

The Commerce Department said early in the day that the U.S. merchandise trade deficit widened to $10.49 billion, its highest level in 4 years, from a reva $508 billion, five-year plan that they said leans more heavily on spending